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# AWAITING THE WARREN REPORT:

## A Rubber Stamp on the Incredible, Or a Real Search for New Data?

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First Article

THE BIGGEST murder story ever told will soon be released by the Warren Commission in a million copies. The public is expected to snap up the government edition so quickly that publishers count on also doing a heavy business with editions of their own. Doubleday and Company has already announced plans for an abridged 400-page copy at \$4, with its eye especially on the vast foreign market.

A big market is expected abroad, the New York Times explained, "because of prevalence of the opinion that there was a plot behind the assassination of the President and that this has been covered up." All the stops will be out, to carry the Warren Committee's conclusions to millions of people.

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BUT THE three principals in the investigation of the Ken-

edy assassination have already given us advance notice that this will be a story without an ending. Supreme Court Chief Justice Earl Warren, chairman of the 7-man investigating body has told newsmen:

"Yes, there will come a time," when all the facts in the story are known, "but it might not be released in your lifetime." He added that some things "may involve security."

J. Edgar Hoover, emerging from the Warren Commission after testifying, told newsmen on May 13, that the investigation would continue for "many, many years," thereby casting doubt on his own hastily drawn conclusions six months ago.

### Wade's Comment

According to the Jan. 1, 1964 issue of the Houston Post, Dallas District Attorney Wade, commenting on reports that Lee Harvey Oswald was an undercover informant, said "it may be true, but I don't think it will ever be made public if it is." Wade, who was for many

years an FBI official, "closed" Oswald's case several hours after Oswald had died, displaying his evidence on TV.

The Warren Commission may not even make a final and conclusive report. Hoover said, according to United Press International, that the FBI would be working on the case long after the Warren Commission made its report. He declared that some of the leads the Bureau is following through are "as fantastic as can be thought up" (UPI, May 14). And this was supposed to be the simple "open and shut" case that Dallas solved in 24 hours.

The FBI itself, arriving at the same solution after an investigation of several weeks, even leaked its report to the press for headlines although the President had referred it to the Warren Commission. As the months rolled on the case became more complex and the early conclusions became more doubtful and less acceptable to the world.

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HISTORICALLY we have "solved" all our high-level assassinations as the act of in-